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SUBJECT: ECONADS-MARCH 31 DISCUSSION OF SOVIET FISHING
INDUSTRY

REF: A) USNATO 1765 (NOTAL); B) STATE 70509 (NOTAL);
C) AC/127-WP/503 (NOTAL)

1. CHAIRMAN BILLY OPENED DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT ON SOVIET
FISHING INDUSTRY, BY NOTING THAT REPORTNLLD PROBABLY
BE ON THE NAC AGENDA FOR APRIL 27. HE THEN CORRECTED TYPOS
IN REF (C) : PARA 61, PENULTIMATE LINE, "COMMUNITY" VICE
"COMMUNIST"; AND PENULTIMATE LINE OF PARA 68 SHOULD BEGIN
"INDIAN SUBCONTINENT" RATHER THAN "SUB INDIAN".

2. FRG REP (PLUISCH) REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES APPROVED
OF THE REPORT AND FOUND PARAS 20-27 AND 52 ESPECIALLY
IMPORTANT. BILLY ACCEPTED SUGGESTION THAT THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE MILITARY
ASPECTS IN PARA 52.

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3. UK REP (POWLES) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FOUND
THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 6 EXAGGERATED AND DOUBTED
THAT THE SOVIETS, WITH THEIR CAPABLE NAVY, WOULD EMPLOY
TRAWLERS FOR LAYING AND SWEEPING MINES. HE ALSO NOTED
THAT IN PARA 59 THE EC WAS MORE FLEXIBLE THAN INDICATED
REGARDING THE NUMBER OF SOVIET TRAWLERS ALLOWED IN ITS EXCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC ZONE. BILLY SAID THAT THE PARA WOULD BE REDRAFTED
TO REFLECT EC PERMISSION FOR BETWEEN 28-42 SOVIET TRAWLERS
TO CATCH FIXED QUOTE. THE BRITISH ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER
SOVIET BEHAVIOR SHOWED THEY WISHED HIGHER NUMBER OF TRAWLERS

IN THAT ZONE FOR PURPOSE OF MONITORING.

4. NORWEGIAN REP (BULL) REPORTED THAT THE MINISTER OF LAW OF THE SEA EVENSEN RETURNED FROM MOSCOW MARCH 30 AFTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS HAD FAILED TO DEFINE THE LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE BARETS SEA. ALTHOUGH THE NORWEGIAN REP THOUGHT THAT PARA 58 COULD STAND, BILLY SAID THAT IT WOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE NEGATIVE RESULTS OF THE LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

5. BILLY ALSO CIRCULATED (IN FRENCH) TWO ADDTIONAL PAPERS, ED/EC/77/28 AND ED/EC/77/30, RESPECTIVELY A CONCISE SUMMARY OF REF (C) FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE SYNTHESIS MENTIONED IN PARA 4, REF (A), OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE REPORTS ON SOVIET DEPENDENCE ON MARITIME IMPORTS, THE ROLE OF THE SOVIET MERCHANT FLEET, AND THE SOVIET FISHERY. SINCE HE ASKED THAT THESE BE APPROVED PROMPTLY BY THE COMMITTEE, TO PERMIT THEIR NAC DISCUSSION APRIL 27, AND SINCE ENGLISH VERSIONS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 5, US REP (TAKING ACCOUNT OF POUCH DELAYS HIGHLIGHTED REF (B)) URGED THAT TEXTS BE SENT TO CAPITALS BY DIRECTORATE VIA NATIONWIDE TO PERMIT PROMPT REVIEW. (WE HAVE ASKED THAT MESSAGE BE SLUGGED "DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR EUR/RPE-SWARTZ" TO FACILITATE WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTION.)

6. IN FURTHER REVIEW HERE WE NOTE THAT REF (C) PARA 20
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COMMENTARY GIVES MISLEADING IMPRESSION THAT ALLIED OWNED/ CONTROLLED SHIPS REGISTERED UNDER FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO NATO WARTIME SHIPPING POOL. WE WILL SUGGEST ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE CONSULT WITH CEP DIRECTORATE TO DEVELOP MORE ACCURATE WORKING.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) COMMENS OR CONCURRENCE ON REF (C) AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, (B) "AFTER ACTION CRITIQUE" ON NATIONWIDE TRANSMISSION EXPERIMENT.

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